

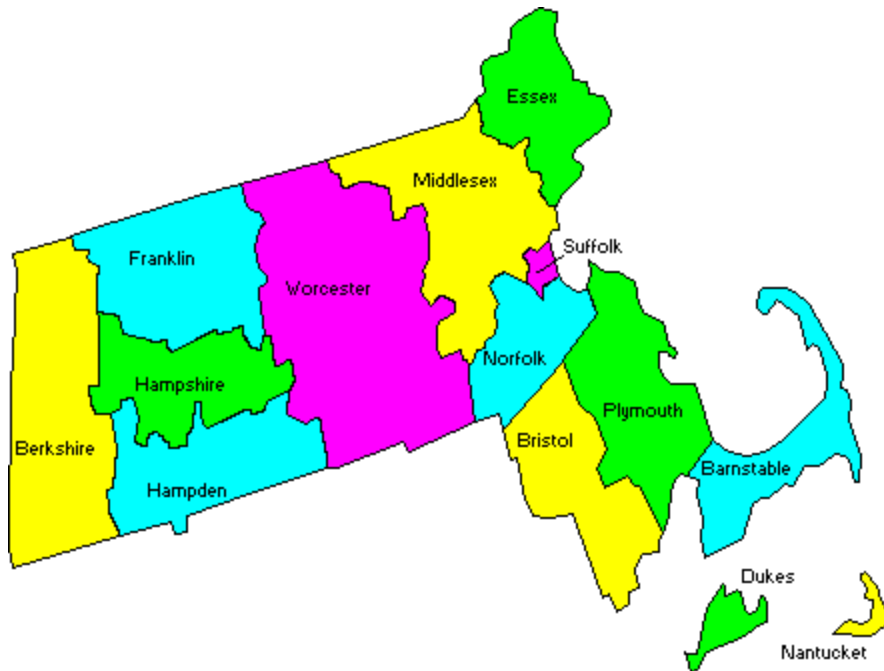
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Taunton

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 51,334 (1995); 54,946 Estimate for 2000
- County: Bristol
- Bristol County Population: 506,325 (1990 Census)
- Bristol County Race/Ethnicity: 95.0% white; 1.6% African American; 0.2% American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut; 0.9% Asian/Pacific Islander; 2.7% Hispanic origin.
- Bristol County Gender: 48% male, 52% female

Politics²

- Mayor: Ted Strojny
- Chief of Police: Dave Westcoat

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In 1998 there were 1,650 index crimes known to the Taunton police.³

Index Crime Offenses Known to Police, Taunton, 1997-98

Offense	1997	1998
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0
Forcible Rape	8	13
Robbery	48	41
Aggravated Assault	166	181
Burglary	347	349
Larceny	838	938
Motor Vehicle Theft	180	128
Total Index Crimes	1,588	1,650

- In 1997 there were 126 calls to the Launton Police Department for unlawful possession of drugs.⁴

Drug-Related Calls for Service to Taunton Police Department, 1996-97

Type of Call to Police	1996	1997
Unlawful Possession of Drugs	95	126
Unlawful Selling of Drugs	46	52
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3	5
Driving Under the Influence of Drugs	3	1

Enforcement⁵

- There are 118 full-time employees working at the Taunton Police Department.
- Taunton P.D. has a Drug Investigative Unit.

¹ U.S Census: <http://www.census.gov>

² Ibid.

³ Taunton Police Department Web site: <http://members.aol.com/tauntonpd/ucr.htm>

⁴ Taunton Police Department Web site: <http://members.aol.com/tauntonpd/calls.htm>

⁵ Taunton Police Department Web site: <http://members.aol.com/tauntonpd/staffing.htm>

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